

## REMARKS

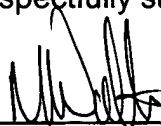
This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Per the Examiner's request, in the specification, paragraphs 35, 36, and 39 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Additionally, Figures 1 and 6 have been amended to delete numbers not described in the specification, to add number 604 described in the specification, and to correct duplicate numbers. Claim 4 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments to the specification and/or drawings.

The Examiner has indicated that the application is in condition for allowance, except for the above noted formal matters. In view of Applicants' amendments, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIGURE 1

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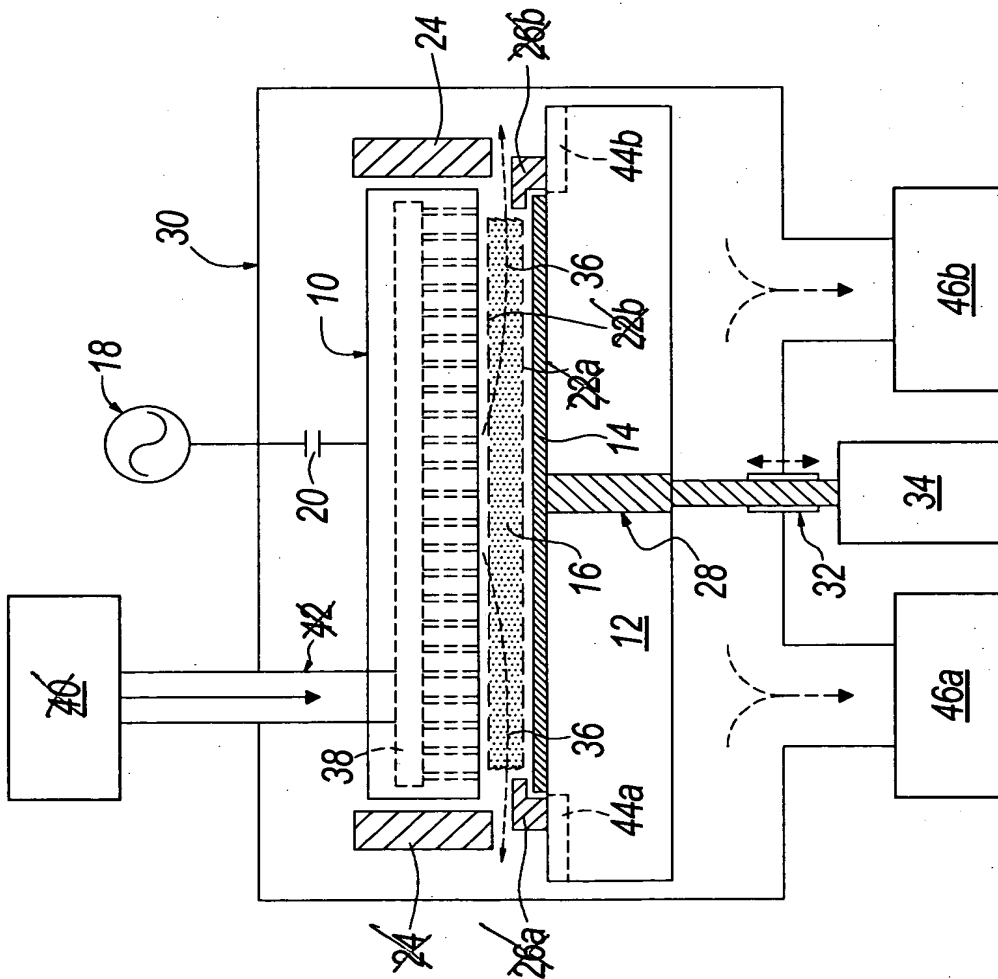
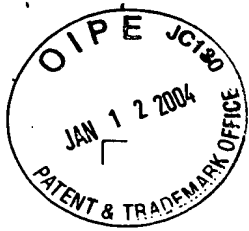


FIG. 1  
Prior Art



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FIGURE 6

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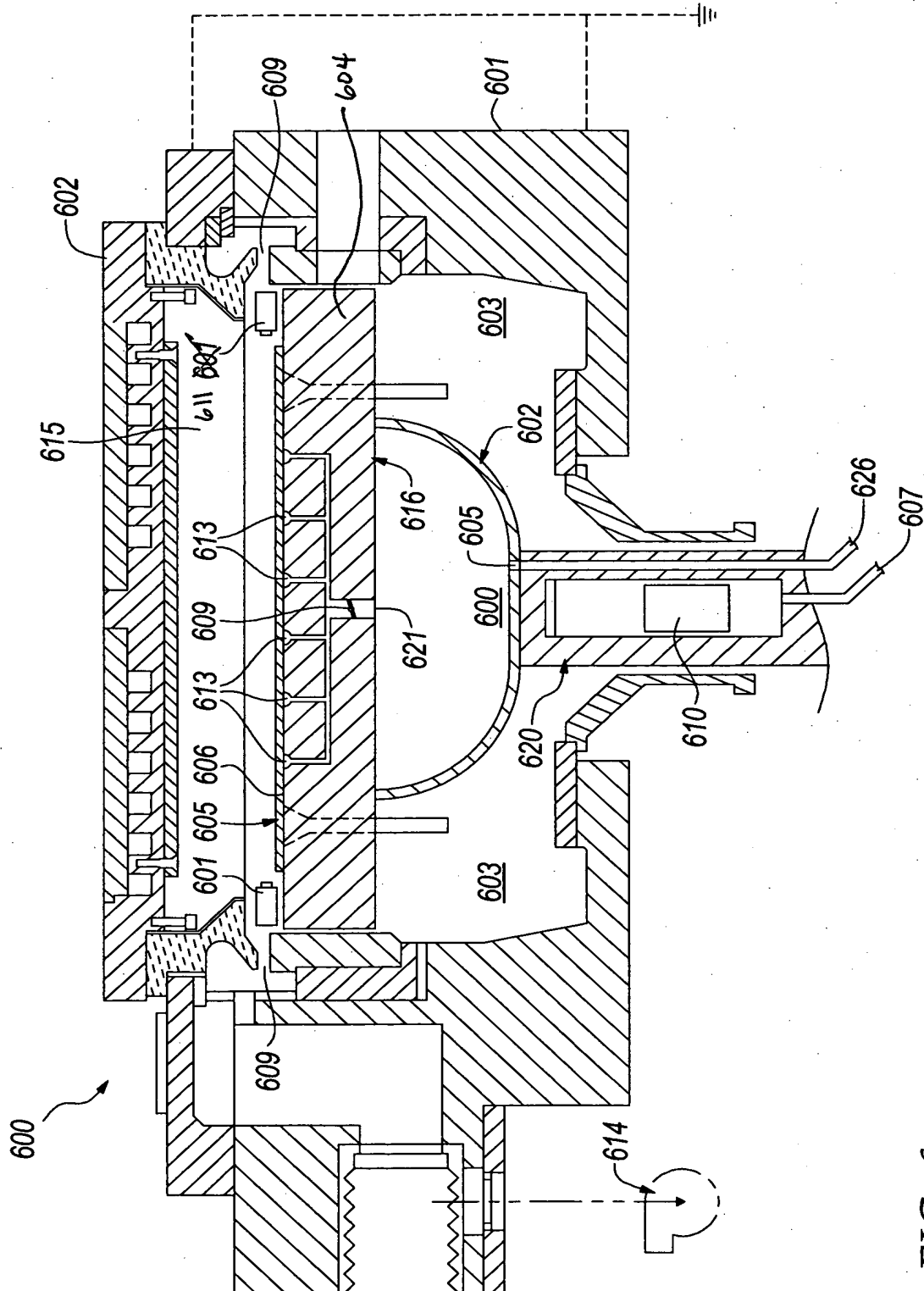


FIG. 6